

CSO Experience in Skills Strengthening with the Support of EU Programmes

Insights from Belgrade Open School

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The Belgrade Open School (BOS) is a non-for-profit, educational, civil society organization founded in 1993.

- Educational Programs
- Knowledge and Skills Trainings
- Career Counselling
- Academic Counselling
- Study Visits

**Human
Resources
Development**



- Good Governance
- Energy, Climate, and Environment
- European Integration
- Youth Policies
- Improvement of Employability
 - Career Guidance and Counselling
 - Education and Labor Market

**Improvement of
Public Policies**



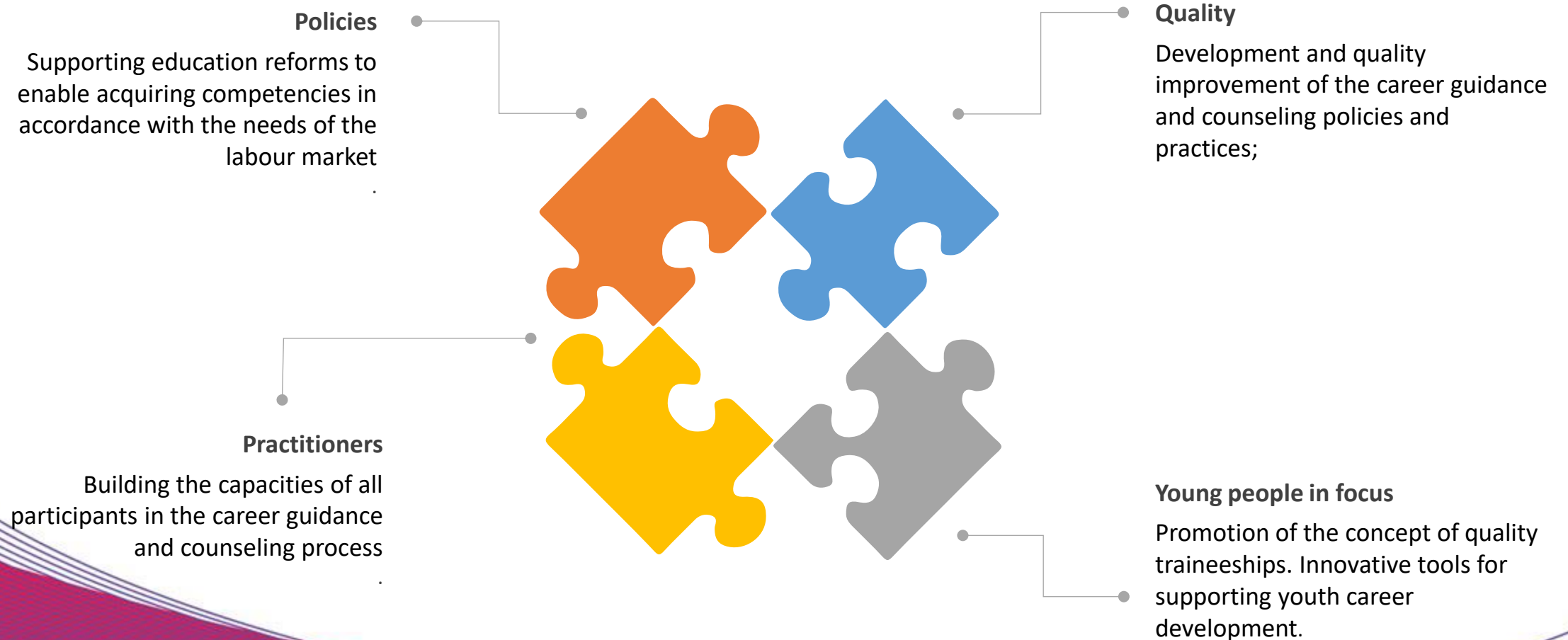
- Civil Society
- Public Sector
- Business Sector

**Capacity
Building**



Improvement of Employability

Connecting Worlds of Education and Worlds of Work



Why EU Programmes Matter for CSOs



Funding opportunities for capacity-building and cross-sectoral collaboration



Bridging the gap between CSOs, academia, and businesses



Promoting innovation and best practices in education and training

Erasmus+ for Skills Development

Virtual Internships for an Inclusive Society, VI4IS

- Addressing skill gaps (post-COVID-19) through online internships
- Inclusive access for youth from rural areas and vulnerable groups
- EU support for virtual internship platforms and policy engagement

E4NEETs – Supporting NEETs in Entrepreneurship

- Empowering NEET youth through social entrepreneurship
- Development of training tools and policy recommendations

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CONNECT! – Career Counselling & HR Development

- Integrating career guidance with HR training in enterprises
- Development of higher education curricula for career coaching
- EU-backed international collaboration for best practices
- Outcomes usable in CSOs, universities, training centres, employment agencies



Skills for the CSO sector

Project Management & Grant Writing

- Ability to develop, apply for, and manage EU-funded projects.
- Understanding financial regulations and reporting requirements.

Advocacy & Policy Engagement

- Skills in lobbying and influencing public policies.
- Experience in networking with decision-makers and stakeholders.

Capacity-Building & Training

- Expertise in developing educational programmes for various target groups.
- Knowledge-sharing and mentoring within civil society networks.

Digital & Technological Skills

- Use of digital platforms for education, communication, and advocacy.
- Implementation of virtual internships and e-learning tools.

Entrepreneurship & Innovation

- Social entrepreneurship skills for financial sustainability.
- Encouraging self-employment and startup creation among youth and marginalized groups.

Intercultural & Inclusive Approaches

- Working with diverse communities (youth, NEETs, refugees, rural populations).
- Inclusive learning methods for marginalized groups.



How EU Programmes Like Erasmus+ Help

- **Funding for Capacity Building:** Financial support to strengthen CSO skills and infrastructure
 - **Transnational Cooperation:** Collaboration with international partners for knowledge exchange
 - **Skill Development Initiatives:** Funding projects that enhance training and education in CSOs
 - **Increased Visibility & Policy Impact:** Helping CSOs influence decision-making
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